

Amendment and Response

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Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 16, 2009 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1, 14, and 19 have been amended and claims 2, 3, 6, 13, 16, 17, 26, and 27 have been canceled in this response (without prejudice). Upon entry of these amendments claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 18-25, 28-30, and 40-48 remain pending (with claims 40-48 previously withdrawn from consideration). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 14 can be found in the application as filed at, e.g., page 10, lines 23-28.

The amendment to claim 19 is presented to correct a typographical error regarding the claim from which claim 19 depends.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Bedingham et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0047003). Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the amendments presented herein, pending claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 18-25, 28-30 are patentable over the cited reference.

As indicated in amended claims 1 and 14, process chamber structure of the plurality of process chamber structures includes an interior window surface that "is formed by a thin portion of the control layer, and wherein the thin portion of the control layer is sufficiently thin so that the thin portion of the control layer transmits the selected light from the transmissive layer." Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* anticipation rejection has not been established with respect to claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 18-25, 28-30 over Bedingham et al.

For at least that reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of pending claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 18-25, 28-30 in view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 14 (from which the remaining claims depend).

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Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 18-25, 28-30 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the telephone number listed below if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted

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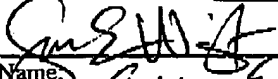
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